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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director  
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
For Kris Balaji, Federal Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:


**SUBJECT: SANDAG 2002/03-2004/05 FTIP/FSTIP Amendment No. 1**


We have completed our review of Amendment No. 1 to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated October 21, 2002. The SANDAG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2003-11 on September 27, 2002, approving these program modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. As detailed in the enclosures to your letter, this amendment both adds and modifies project listings in the local highway, state highway, and transit elements of the SANDAG FTIP.

We accept these program modifications in accordance with the Federal statewide and metropolitan transportation planning regulations (23 CFR Part 450) and find that SANDAG's FTIP Amendment No. 1 was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 USC 134 and the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). We have determined that the modifications to SANDAG's FTIP, proposed for inclusion in California's Federal statewide transportation improvement program (FSTIP) by this amendment, are exempt from the regional emissions analysis and conformity determination requirements of the Transportation Conformity Rule as promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on August 15, 1997. This finding has been coordinated with the Regional office of the U.S. EPA.

This letter constitutes joint Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration approval for inclusion of SANDAG Amendment No. 1 into California's 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP. This approval is provided with the understanding that Federal Transit Administration funding approval on individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,

  
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